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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE ORDINANCE ADOPTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS
AT SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FACILITIES
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) seeks approval of an ordinance that will establish parking restrictions at all Department facilities.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed ordinance is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 (a) and (c) and Class 1, Subsection (x) of the County of Los Angeles (County) Revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.
2. Introduce, waive reading, and place the ordinance on the subsequent agenda for adoption.
3. Approve the ordinance amending Title 15 – Vehicles and Traffic of the County Code, adopting restrictions to parking at all Department facilities and authorizing the removal of vehicles by the Department and local police departments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adequate and safe off-street parking is essential for the public, Department members, and other persons having business with the Department. As such, parking at Department facilities has been a growing concern for citizens, staff, and contract cities served by the Department.

Approval of this ordinance will address the issues of overnight parking, loitering, abandoned vehicles, using Department facilities' parking lots as an unauthorized park-and-ride lot, parking of detached trailers, and parking of oversized or recreational vehicles, such as boats and/or motorhomes.

The Department will take appropriate enforcement action upon enactment of this ordinance and/or contact the appropriate law enforcement agency in jurisdictions where the Department may not have primary enforcement responsibility.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness; and Goal 3, Community and Municipal Services. This action will improve the Department's facilities' parking operation and the quality of service to the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funds are included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2011-12 Operating Budget to begin installation of signs necessary for the enforcement of the ordinance.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Vehicle Code Section 21113, allows your Board to adopt parking regulations and set restrictions for parking at County facilities. The attached ordinance amends Title 15 – Vehicles and Traffic of the County Code, adopting restrictions to parking at all Department facilities, and authorizing removal of vehicles parked at Department facilities by the Department and local police departments.

County Counsel's approved analysis of this ordinance is enclosed.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Adoption of this ordinance will ensure that parking spaces at Department facilities are available for citizens and staff use. In addition, the elimination of loitering and overnight parking will reduce any related security problems.

CONCLUSION

Please return to the Department and the Office of County Counsel a fully conformed copy of the ordinance with original signatures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leroy D. Baca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leroy" being more prominent than the last name "Baca".

LEROY D. BACA
Sheriff

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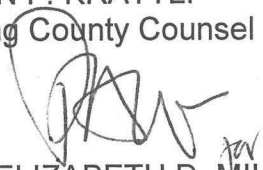
Enclosures

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 15 – Vehicles and Traffic of the Los Angeles County Code, adding parking restrictions at Sheriff's Department facilities, and authorizing removal of vehicles by the Sheriff and local police departments.

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By



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Requested: 02/09/12
Revised: 02/23/12

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 15 – Vehicles and Traffic of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to parking at County Sheriff's Department facilities and removal of vehicles.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 15.64.448 is hereby added to read as follows:

15.64.448 Sheriff's Facilities - Parking Restrictions

A. No person shall drive, stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle or trailer, whether attended or unattended, upon the parking facilities of the County Sheriff's Department except with the permission of the Board of Supervisors and upon and subject to posted regulations and restrictions imposed by the Board pursuant to this section.

B. The following restrictions apply to all facilities subject to this section:

1. Parking is only permitted in designated spots.
2. Parking is only permitted for County employees, staff, and persons doing business at the facility.
3. No unauthorized parking in a reserved area.
4. No unauthorized parking in assigned parking spaces.
5. No parking in aisles or hash-marked areas.
6. No parking in driveways.
7. No unauthorized overnight parking or camping.

8. No parking of any vehicle which takes up two or more parking stalls or inhibits the use of adjacent parking space.
9. No dumping of gray water or other materials of any kind from any vehicle/RV unit.
10. No parking vehicles over 20 feet long.
11. No loitering on the parking lot.

C. No parking is allowed at parking facility locations designated as "permit only" by the Sheriff without a permit visible on or through the vehicle windshield.

D. Official County vehicles may be exempt from the restrictions imposed hereby at the discretion of the Sheriff.

E. The Sheriff is authorized to issue, on behalf of the Board, additional parking regulations and restrictions relating to the use of any or all Sheriff's Department facilities and to post at such parking facilities appropriate signs giving notice of all applicable regulations and restrictions.

F. A written statement of any regulations and restrictions imposed under this section shall be available for inspection at the office of the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors.

G. Any person violating or failing to comply with this section shall be deemed guilty of an infraction and upon conviction thereof shall be punished pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 42001(a) and any amendments thereof.

H. Persons employed by the County as contract security guards and any designated County employee or California peace officer are authorized to issue notices of violation of regulations and restrictions imposed pursuant to this section.

I. Sheriff's Department facilities are designated "Tow Away Zones" for purposes of Part 4 of this chapter.

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